**Shortage of Power in Delhi**

787. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total demand and supply of Power in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) the steps being taken to generate/borrow additional Power for Delhi;

(c) whether there is a regular load-shedding in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details and steps being taken to avoid theft and illegal connections of power in Delhi;

(e) whether Power Distribution and transmission in Delhi is being handed over to Private Sector;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Power Tariff proposed to be hiked in Delhi; and

(h) if so, the time by which it is likely to be effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) :(a) and (b) During the month of January, 1997, the requirement and availability of power in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi was 1225 MU and 1144 MU, respectively, the shortage being 81 MU i.e. about 7%. The shortage of power requirement in Delhi is, inter-alia, met from allocated/ unallocated share in the Central Power Stations in the Northern Region.

Several measures are undertaken to augment the power availability, which include additional allocation from Central Power generating Stations, new capacity addition, maximising generation from existing units, pilferage checking, reduction in T&D losses, strengthening T&D System, better demand/load management, energy conservation measures etc.

(c) There is no regular load-shedding in Delhi, at present. However, at times, particularly during peak hours, load shedding has to be resorted to for security of the Northern Region Grid on the advice of Northern Regional Electricity Board.

(d) DESU is carrying out regular checkings to detect cases of power theft and other violations.

(e) and (f) According to Government of NCT of Delhi, DESU have made to them a few alternative proposals of a general character for privatisation of power distribution in Delhi which are at a preliminary stage of examination by the Government of Delhi.

(g) and (h) The proposal for hike in Power tariff has been submitted by DESU to the Government of Delhi in April, 1996 who are examining the same.

**PM's Integrated Urban Poor Eradication Programme**

788. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any review of the Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poor Eradication Programme;

(b) if so, the period covered under the review;

(c) the achievements made during that period; and

(d) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) was launched in November, 1995 to address the problems of urban poor in small towns with a multi-pronged, integrated approach to the economic, social and physical conditions of the urban poor. Since its inception, progress of the implementation of the Scheme is being reviewed from time to time.

(c) and (d) PMI UPEP being a newly introduced scheme, most of the States are still largely in the primary stage of the Programme, such as house-to-house survey, preparing Action plans, building community structures, etc..

As per the preliminary reports received from States, physical progress as under has been achieved :-

(i) House-to-house survey has been completed in 213 towns.

(ii) Town-wise Project Reports have been prepared in 217 towns.

(iii) 20775 applications under the Self-employment component have been forwarded to Banks, out of which 3080 cases have been approved.

(iv) 10386 applications under the shelter upgradation component have been forwarded to Banks/HUDCO, out of which about 281 cases have been approved.

(v) 8382 Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs), 1200 Neighbourhood Committees (NDCs) and 444 Thrift and Credit Societies have been formed.

**World Bank Loans to MSEB**

789. SHRI ANANT GUDH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "WB holds up Rs.1,100 cr. loan to MSEB" appearing in the three Press journal dated Feb. 4, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;